

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A method for cleaning an incubator having temperature regulating means for regulating the temperature in a climatic chamber during an incubation process, the method involving disinfection of at least one of a climatic chamber and removable parts present in the climatic chamber during the incubation process, wherein the disinfection comprises a disinfecting heat treatment performed on the climatic chamber within the incubator using the temperature regulating means of the incubator provided for the incubation process.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the temperature for the disinfecting heat treatment exceeds 55°C.

Claim 14 (Cancelled)

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the temperature for the disinfecting heat treatment does not exceed 150°C.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the temperature for the disinfecting heat treatment does not exceed 100°C.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein at least one of the climatic chamber and removable parts are cleaned with water prior to the disinfection.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): An incubator comprising a climatic chamber and temperature regulating means for regulating the temperature in the climatic

chamber during an incubation process, wherein the temperature regulating means are designed for disinfecting by means of a disinfecting heat treatment, wherein the disinfecting heat treatment is configured to heat at least one of the climatic chamber and removable parts therein at a temperature above 50°C.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The incubator as claimed in claim 18, wherein the temperature regulating means are designed to heat the climatic chamber for the disinfecting heat treatment between 58° to 65°C for at least 25 minutes.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The incubator as claimed in claim 19, wherein the temperature for the disinfecting heat treatment does not exceed 150°C.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The incubator as claimed in claim 19, wherein the temperature for the disinfecting heat treatment does not exceed 100°C.

Claim 22 (New): A method for cleaning an incubator having temperature regulating means for regulating the temperature in a climatic chamber during an incubation process, the method involving disinfection of at least one of a climatic chamber and removable parts present in the climatic chamber during the incubation process, wherein the disinfection comprises a disinfecting heat treatment performed on the climatic chamber within the incubator using the temperature regulating means of the incubator provided for the incubation process, wherein at least one of the climatic chamber and removable parts are heated between 58° to 65°C for at least 25 minutes.